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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to -- CONFOCAL MICROSCOPE -- .

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract at page 85 with the following:

ABSTRACT

In a confocal microscope, a beam of light from a light source is lead to a rotary disk by way of an optical lens and a half mirror, and made to strike specimen by way of an objective lens. The rotary disk has random pin hole pattern

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